

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (currently amended) An apparatus for containing debris, the apparatus comprising:
2 a non-conductive outer sheath having an open proximal end and a distal end;
3 one or more first magnets coupled near the proximal end of the outer sheath;
4 one or more second magnets, ~~disposed within and near~~ positioned between the distal
5 end of the outer sheath and a distal end of a removable inner bag, to attract
6 metallic debris that enters a the removable inner bag; and
7 the removable inner bag having an open proximal end, wherein the inner bag is
8 disposed within the outer sheath, and wherein the inner bag is configured to
9 contain debris.

1 2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
2 a frame having a proximal portion and distal portion with an opening through the
3 proximal and distal portions;
4 wherein the open proximal end of the outer sheath is coupled to the frame and the
5 distal end of the outer sheath extends away from the frame, and wherein the
6 open proximal end of the outer sheath encompasses the opening of the frame;
7 wherein the open proximal end of the inner bag encompasses the opening of the
8 frame; and
9 wherein the one or more first magnets are coupled near the proximal portion of the
10 frame.

1 3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2,
2 wherein the one or more first magnets includes a plurality of first magnets, and

wherein at least two of the plurality of first magnets are located on substantially
opposing sides of the opening of the frame.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 3, further comprising:
a metal sheet configured between a magnet of the plurality of first magnets and a
respective recess within which the magnet is disposed.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 3,
wherein the frame includes a first recess and a second recess; and
wherein at least one magnet of the plurality of first magnets is disposed in the first
recess and at least one magnet of the plurality of first magnets is disposed in
the second recess.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the one or more first magnets are
configured such that the magnetic forces associated with the one or more first
magnets provide magnetic attraction in a direction from the proximal portion of the
frame to the distal portion of the frame.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the frame is an injection-molded plastic
piece.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a magnet housing coupled to the outer sheath near the distal end of the outer sheath;
and
wherein the one or more second magnets are housed by the magnet housing.

1 9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the one or more second magnets have a
2 proximal side and a distal side, the apparatus further comprising:
3 a magnetic shield configured between the distal side of the one or more second
4 magnets and the magnet housing.

1 10. (original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the magnet housing is an injection-
2 molded plastic piece.

1 11. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the outer sheath is tapered from the
2 proximal end to the distal end.

1 12. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the outer sheath is leather.

1 13. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the inner bag is in contact with at least
2 one of the one or more second magnets.

1 14. (withdrawn) A method for containing debris from an operation on a housing
2 containing one or more electrical components, the method comprising:
3 magnetically coupling a tool to an inside conductive surface of the housing, wherein
4 the tool includes
5 one or more first magnets coupled with a proximal end of a non-conductive
6 outer sheath that extends away from the one or more first magnets,
7 wherein the sheath has a distal end and an opening at the proximal
8 end;
9 one or more second magnets coupled with the distal end of the outer sheath;
10 and

11 a removable inner bag contained within the outer sheath, wherein the inner
12 bag has an opening at the proximal end of the outer sheath;
13 creating a hole in the housing at an area that is encompassed by the opening of the
14 inner bag; and
15 wherein debris from the step of creating the hole falls into the inner bag and is
16 contained therein.

1 15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
2 removing the inner bag from the outer sheath for disposal of the debris.